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Happy Easter!

Salmon Fishermen Rally By Evan Kramer

Hundreds of salmon fishermen, family, and their supporters gathered in Coos Bay on the Boardwalk on Monday afternoon demonstrating for federal disaster relief. They were responding to last Thursday's Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) decision to all but shut down this year's Chinook salmon seasons on the Oregon Coast. There will be a total closure from Florence to the California border and a near closure on the rest of the Oregon Coast and Northern California Coast, with some fishing opportunities for recreation fishermen and limited commercial salmon fishing north of Florence. US Congress Representatives Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley both spoke out at the rally as did Port Orford salmon fisherman Aaron Longton. The problems that caused closure are related to the poor condition of the salmon run on the Klamath River in Northern California. Salmon runs have been weakened by river conditions from too warm water, agriculture in the Klamath basin, dams, and diversion of water to Central California.

In Susan Chamber's excellent article about the salmon closure in last

Thursday's World newspaper she states the PFMC may permit some "bubble" salmon fisheries at the mouths of some coastal rivers including the Elk River.

Legislation will be introduced in Congress after the Easter break to provide disaster assistance to salmon fishermen and for work on improving the Klamath River.

Longton said it shouldn't be criminal to catch a few Klamath salmon but should be criminal for anyone in this country to eat farmed salmon. He said that salmon is a public resource, not a farm raised commodity.

Longton called the salmon closure an attack on the fishermen's way of life. He said they'd rather be working hard for their money right now fishing rather than demonstrating.

The effect in Port Orford, already hard hit by shoaling in at the Port of Port Orford, will be huge. Hallmark Fisheries buyer Tony Cotter said that during last year's six months of salmon fishing his company bought 137,917 pounds of salmon and paid the fishermen \$431,904.90. The average price Hallmark paid was \$3.13 per pound with a high of \$5.88 and a low of \$2.28. Port of Port

Orford Manager Gary Anderson provided salmon statistics for the Port for 2005. There were 182,642 pounds of salmon caught last year with a dollar value of \$502,930. The salmon fishery was the third most valuable one to Port Orford fishermen last year coming in behind Dungeness crab and sablefish (black cod). For some local fishermen salmon is their number one source of income. And how do you value the quality of ocean caught fresh Chinook salmon compared to farm raised salmon.

How can you help? Sign one of the petitions circulating around Port Orford supporting our fishermen who have been negatively impacted by the PFMC decision. The petition is a formal request that the federal government act as expeditiously as possible to provide immediate financial assistance to the coastal communities impacted by the closure of the 2006 Pacific salmon fishery and the government develop a long term solution to the problems with the Klamath River basin.

You can contact Aaron Longton about this situation at 332-0580 if you want to know more about the closure, sign or get some petitions.



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L0640 0.4	L0713 0.0	L0748 -0.3	L0827 -0.4	L0910 -0.4	L1000 -0.4	L1058 -0.3	L1204 -0.2
H1253 6.2	H1335 6.1	H1417 5.9	H1503 5.7	H1556 5.4	H1659 5.1	H1812 5.0	H1925 5.1
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**Garrison Lake
by Jay Stoler**

The Garrison Lake Restoration Committee will have several special presentations at their regular monthly meeting, which will be moved to Thursday, April 20 this month only. The normal meeting night is Wednesday, but to accommodate some special guests it was moved to the next night. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The first guests are Rich Miller and Mary Phauth from the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University. They will give a short presentation on their work so far with Garrison Lake and some plans for work that they will be doing in the future. Mary Phauth was in Port Orford last August and spent several hours out in the Lake doing some research and taking samples. Rich Miller has been involved with research work with Garrison Lake for more than a dozen years.

The second guest is Amy Wilson who is currently the USDA Coordinator for the

Southwest Oregon Resource Conservation and Development Council in Grants Pass. Amy will be leading an hour-long facilitation on what the communities vision is for Garrison Lake in ten years. This is an opportunity for lakeside residents as well as other interested and concerned citizens to be heard.

While many citizens already agree that something has to be done to get the lake back to a source for drinkable water, there are other factors that need to be addressed and prioritized and Wilson will lead that facilitation and said she hopes for a large turnout of citizens.

Wilson has an interesting background. She was raised on a Jackson County cattle ranch and completed a BS in Horticulture at Oregon State and a Master's in International Agriculture at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She worked in rural development with the

Peace Corps for a total of 6 years as a volunteer, trainer, and as Associate Director in Niger. As staff to the Southwest Oregon RC&D Council, Amy has worked with a wide variety of citizen-based

groups to implement projects and activities related to natural resources and rural community needs.

Then on Friday morning, April 21, 2006 at 10 am the Southwest Oregon Resource Conservation and Development Council will meet in the Council Chambers in Port Orford City Hall and then do a walk around of the Lake at 11 am. Those events are all open to the public. Check out their website at www.pacrimrcd.org/southwestoregon.

This is another great opportunity to make your voice heard and make a difference in Port Orford. See the Garrison Lake website at www.garrisonlake.org.

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Boat Stays in Park By Evan Kramer

The City of Port Orford Parks Commission met on Tuesday night, April 4. The commission welcomed new member Lorie Borba.

The first item on the lengthy agenda and the one that brought a crowd to the meeting was the fiberglass boat in Battle Rock Park which is being used as a planter. Chris Hawthorne spoke to the commission about the boat and said it was inappropriate at the park, that is was unattractive and a junker and that it had no business in the park. Hawthorne said he preferred the landscaping being in the ground rather than in the boat. He called the boat a detraction to the area and said it was out of place. Hawthorne is co-owner of the former Wheelhouse Restaurant and Shell Shack, the two commercial properties which abut Battle Rock Park. He plans on redeveloping both properties next year.

Sunset Garden Club President Joan McDow told the commission there had been a boat(s) in Battle Rock Park since 1968 and that the Garden Club has been maintaining them.

Sunset Garden Club member Gary Carter presented the commission with a letter he had written about the planter boat project. He also displayed a large rendering of the desired end result with the boat painted blue and planted both from within and with plantings surrounding it. He said the plantings would be easy to grow and deer resistant. Carter explained that the old wooden boat had deteriorated to the point it needed to be replaced. He put in a notice in the paper that the Garden club was looking for a boat and the one they got was the only one offered. Carter told the commission there hadn't been a lot of volunteers to help with the boat project. John Hewitt, the owner of Java Casa, located in the former Wheelhouse Building, volunteered to donate \$100 for planting the hillside along the east section of the park. Commission member Joanne Ruoff said the Commission was working on grants for plantings at the park. In Chris Hawthorne's March 21 harshly worded e-mail to Mayor Jim Auburn he asked that the city reverse the decision to allow the boat to be placed in Battle Rock Park. According to Commission president Jim Billings and the rest of the commission the boat will remain at the park. One thing everybody

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agreed on that one night was to move or camouflage the dumpster in the park. Ideas ranged from building a Port Orford Cedar fence around it, to painting it, to moving it to a more discrete location.

Carrie Shields presented a proposal for an edible garden in Buffington Park adjacent to the A-Frame cabin. She requested a 9 x 12 foot area be set aside for the edible garden and that it would include a 240 gallon poly tank to use for watering the garden. The Commission asked for more information including conceptual drawings.

Joanne Ruoff spoke about tree plantings in the city parks and rights of way and said there would be an emphasis on deciduous trees like birch and red maples.

The Commission discussed fund raising efforts including a possible sock hop during the Labor Day Weekend Arts and Seafood Festival.

Port Commission Meets

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Police Report

by Chief Mark Creighton

04-04 Police were called to Battle Rock Park. The caller had observed an orange object floating out in the ocean that appeared to be a skin diver bobbing up and down. Police arrived and observed the object, and several surfers near it. The surfers advised it was a crab buoy.

04-07 police received a call regarding a possible burglary on Arizona Street. An investigation determined there was no entry into the residence but a glass door had been partially broken.

04-07 Police responded to the Shore Line Motel where a complaint was received of a male violating a restraining order. The male subject was gone when police arrived.

04-07 Police received a complaint from Department of Human Services, and Curry County Dispatch about unlawful activity at a residence. The caller had

identified himself with a false name but had used a local residential phone. The possible caller has been identified, and police are waiting for voice identification from the county dispatch recording of the caller. The case is pending further investigation, and a charge for initiating a false report.

04-08 A report was received from Bandon that a male subject had been struck by a vehicle, and then assaulted in Port Orford. The case is currently under investigation.

04-09 Police took a report from the area of Jefferson and 6th Street that someone had used a water meter cover to cause damage to the hood of a vehicle. The case is under investigation.

CHIEFS NOTE: if you have any comments either good or bad, information that you would like to pass on to me regarding the police department, or just a question or concern you want an answer

to. One way to contact me personally is by E-mail. My address is markcreighton popd@co.curry.or.us any information you provide me will be confidential. I appreciate all the feedback I have already received from local citizens. The more feedback I receive from the public the better I can provide the services you request, and need.

Jubilee Auction

The Jubilee Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at the Community Building in Port Orford. Doors open at 6:00pm. Auction begins at 6:30pm. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of the 4th of July fireworks. We are receiving generous donations from local businesses and those from surrounding communities. We are still in need of new and gently used items from the community. No clothing or shoes accepted. For more information or to donate, please contact Amy Wilhite at 332-0957.

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City Planning Workshop

The City of Port Orford has scheduled the third and final public workshop to involve citizens in ongoing planning to determine the citizen's vision for the southern area of the City. The study area includes the Highway 101 corridor, Battle Rock City Park, the Port facility and residential and commercial properties in the vicinity.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Port Orford City Hall. A site walk of the "Battle Rock shopping area" (approximately ¼ mile radius of Battle Rock Park) and/or the Port area is scheduled to take place prior to the workshop, weather permitting. The site walk will commence at 5:00 p.m. from the Visitor Center at Battle Rock City Park. The site walk is an opportunity to gather perceptions with other members of the community and the Planning Team, but the site walk will be cancelled if the weather is stormy. The public is invited to participate in the workshop and the site walk.

The City's Web page, www.portorford.org has updated information gathered from the workshops and open ended

surveys that were distributed throughout the City, a map of the current zoning of the study area with an accompanying matrix of land uses, and information about the City's current Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1977. New information includes an aerial map with a proposed hiking trail or pathway, and proposed goals with suggested implementation options.

Most residents of Port Orford agree that they love the natural environment and want to maintain the small town atmosphere. They want local business to survive and thrive. Many have noted that the town does not offer a defined shopping area, and some would like to pursue the concept further. There has been discussion about limiting the footprint and scale of future businesses through the City's regulatory requirements so that Port Orford will maintain its character as the community changes. Another proposal is a defined walking pathway from Battle Rock Park to the Port. All of these topics are addressed in the proposed goals that are open for further discussion at the April workshop.

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Scholarship Awards

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) recently published statistics showing the allocation of state scholarship awards at all Oregon high schools. The statistics include the number of awards granted and the total value of those awards for students attending college as of January 10, 2006. There are eight high schools in Coos and Curry counties. Pacific High School came in number one with the total value of scholarships at \$103,251 with eleven awards. Coquille High School students were awarded \$75,595 in scholarships while Myrtle Point came in third with \$75,302 in scholarships.

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Letter to the Editor,

This letter is to answer some of the questions posed last week by Malcolm Young. Mr. Young, Coos-Curry Electric Co-op is playing a game called "Let's Pretend." Here is how that works:

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And you, Mr. Young, can do something about that, because next week I will tell you and others how to stop playing games like "Let's Pretend." It's going to involve teaching you how to vote. That's right! [How to vote for new Coos-Curry Electric Co-op board members.](#)

Sincerely,

Paula Cracas

*Audit 2004 – "average number of meters"

After Cancer

The Curry General Hospital Breast Health Network and Bree's Upscale Resale will host a free presentation, "After Cancer: Lymphedema Massage Therapy," Saturday, April 15, in Harbor.

The informal talk will begin at 10 a.m., in Bree's, at the south end of the Brookings-Harbor Shopping Center in Harbor. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be catered by Curry Catering.

Laurie Herman, lymphedema massage therapist with Coastal Physical Therapy, will present facts and tips on caring for the body in the wake of a lumpectomy or mastectomy.

The presentation is part of a series of special Saturday programs hosted by Bree's and the Curry Breast Health Network. All those interested in breast cancer issues, specifically care and treatment following surgery, are welcome to attend.

Concurrently, Bree's also hosts its annual spring open house and half-price sale, 10 am to 5 pm. All sales proceeds benefit breast health education in Curry County.

For more information on mammography in Brookings or Gold Beach, or Curry General Hospital's Breast Health Network, browse the Curry General Hospital website at www.curryhealthnetwork.com; or phone Alice Hammermeister at (541) 425-0074.

Langlois Library News

14 Reasons to Visit Your Library:

- ❖ Check out a book, video or audio book.
- ❖ Discover a new author.
- ❖ Meet with friends.
- ❖ Learn about local happenings.
- ❖ Read the newspaper or a magazine.
- ❖ Take a class.
- ❖ Stay dry on a rainy day.
- ❖ Appreciate artwork on display.
- ❖ Examine an interesting collection on display.
- ❖ Donate books.
- ❖ Use the public computers.
- ❖ Read a story to your children.
- ❖ Check out a toy.
- ❖ Volunteer.

The Langlois Library currently has two outstanding artwork displays which we invite you to enjoy. Port Orford artist and restaurateur, Paula Baudry is showing her new collection of artwork. Having "learned to paint on her mother's kitchen walls", Paula has thankfully transferred her talents to canvas. Her new collection is vibrant and exciting, and certainly brightens up the walls of the library.

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Dates to remember:

- ❖ April 13, Book Discussion Group (open to new members), 6:30p, Langlois Library

- ❖ April 15, The Haunting War (a Chautauqua program), 2:00p, Langlois Library
- ❖ April 27, Friends of the Library meeting, 6:30p, Langlois Library
- ❖ April 29, Volunteer Luncheon, 11:30a, Langlois Library

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City Bike Rack

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A Community on the Move by Jay Stoler

Welcome to new Chamber members, Seaside Plaza, owned by Jack and Lin Lewis. Seaside Plaza is what used to be Ali's towing business building at 1320 Oregon Street. The building itself is over 8,000 sq. feet, used to be a bowling alley and a roller rink and has a rather rich history. There will be a number of small businesses in the Plaza when it opens, sometime in the near future. We wish all the success in the world to Jack and Lin.

There will be an open house at the new Prudential Real Estate office at 755 Oregon Street on Friday, April 28, 2006 from 4:30 to 6:30pm. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments.

And don't forget to get your tickets for the Rotary Hawaiian bash with the Ferguson Brothers band on Saturday, April 29, 2006. This event will be at the Community Building and American Legion Building and is sponsored by Rotary. See any Rotary member for tickets. Should be another great evening of entertainment in Port Orford.

The next big thing is the coming Cedar Expo on May 28 and 29 in the Community Building. It's free to attend, free to exhibit, as long as the exhibit relates to Port Orford Cedar or a use of POC. Go to www.cedarexpo.com and download a registration form if you would like to

exhibit. Also there are registration forms for the Art Show that carries a \$250 best of show prize. There will also be other money prizes. The Chamber will be selling food in the American Legion building all day Saturday and hosting a bar in the evening for the Gala Reception.

Thanks to Gary Carter and the Garden Club for all the hard work to replace the old boat down at Battle Rock Park with a newer one that will be painted and filled with a variety of hearty plants. There is also a movement underway to do something with the rusting dumpster that is detracting from the beauty of the Park. Perhaps a new location or a fence to hide it might make a big difference.

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Senior Center Reopens

The Port Orford Senior Center celebrated its reopening on Tuesday, April 4 and people got a chance to see its new look. An anonymous donor recently gave the Center a \$20,000 donation. The Center Board took \$11,000 of that money and spent it making the building a nicer place. They put in a carpet in the dining hall. First the contractor installed an acoustic pad and then the carpet and according to Center vice-president Owen Miller it has improved the acoustics in that room by 90%.

Linoleum was replaced in the main waiting room and in the kitchen area. The toilets were all replaced in the bathrooms. Next up in the refurbishment project is a handicap access/stairs from the parking area to the front entrance of the building.

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Wildflower Trek

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The hike will begin at Oak Flat, about 30 miles east of Gold Beach near the confluence of the Illinois and Rogue rivers. Hikers should be in good enough shape to continue leisurely uphill about two miles. The group will break for lunch at Buzzard's Roost, a scenic rocky point overlooking the Illinois River from dizzying heights.

Leaders will guide carpoolers to the trailhead. Hikers should meet at 8:30 a.m., at the Event Center (Curry County Fairgrounds) in Gold Beach. Others wishing to carpool can meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Alder Medical Center on Alder Street, across from the Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings; or at 7:45 a.m. at the Battle Rock Visitor Center in Port Orford.

The Illinois Trail winds through some of the most botanically rich areas in the region. Many unusual flowers should be blooming. Participants should wear sturdy walking shoes or boots and pack water, sunscreen, lunch and rain gear if necessary. Binoculars, guidebooks and cameras are optional.

After returning to the trailhead down the same trail, the group is expected to arrive in Gold Beach by 5 p.m.

The hike is rated with two walking shoes for "some scrambling or grunting." Co-sponsors include Curry General Hospital's Sole Pursuits walking incentive program and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

For more information, or for a Sole Pursuits schedule, see the Curry General Hospital Health Network website at www.curryhealthnetwork.com or email Cathy Boden, coordinator, at solepursuits@curryhealthnetwork.com.

Rotary News by Anita Thomas

Two students were honored as "Students of the Month" at the regular meeting of the Port Orford Rotary Club on Thursday, April 6.

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Sara Rosenberry of Cape Blanco School was selected for her steady improvement of academic skills reflected in her grades. She is noted for being polite to all of her teachers and is well-liked by her fellow classmates. Sara participates in the sports playing volleyball and basketball. Her attendance record is outstanding.

Drew Cassidy, a student at Pacific High School, was selected for her outstanding academic performance and citizenship that she has demonstrated at school. Drew has contributed greatly to the school newspaper and serves as an aide in the Study Skills Class. Her teachers commend her not only for her academic skills but also for her congeniality.

Congratulations Sara and Drew! Port Orford is proud of you! To learn more about Rotary, click on www.portorfordrotaryclub.com

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Letter to the Editor,

Among the seven people who are running for Curry County Commissioner, we are fortunate to have one outstanding candidate, Georgia Nowlin.

As mayor of our largest city, I know how important it is for the cities and the county to work together to solve the problems that we share. Georgia has the background, the skills and the character that are necessary to do this complicated job.

Georgia is intelligent, fair-minded and even-tempered. Perhaps more than ever before, we need someone on the county commission who can listen to all sides of the complex problems that the county faces, and develop solutions that will work. We need someone with strong communication skills who can calm the sometimes-contentious atmosphere of county government. We need someone who can juggle the many hats that a commissioner wears- representative of the people, legislator, manager of the county staff, interagency liaison. I am confident that Georgia can do all of the above; I think she is the only candidate who can.

Georgia has been a long-time county resident, a successful small business owner, and an effective, innovative community volunteer. She is the kind of strong, well-balanced leader who will rise above politics and carry on the people's business.

But before everybody can vote for Georgia in November, the Democrats need to nominate her in the May primary. Please vote for Georgia Nowlin as the Democratic candidate for County Commissioner.

Pat Sherman
PO Box 1140
Brookings
(541) 412-8840 (Voice)

City Council Meets

The Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, April 17, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Hospice Training

Curry County Hospice will be providing volunteer training this spring in both Gold Beach and Port Orford beginning in April. The training consists of nine action-packed, informational sessions covering end-of-life care, choices, communication, grief and loss and much, much more.

The classes are beneficial for anyone seeking to improve their understanding of the needs of those facing a terminal illness, as well as to better understand the dynamics of grief and loss. Although, potential patient care volunteers are required to take the training, persons attending are not obligated to volunteer with Curry County Home Health & Hospice.

Training will be in Gold Beach on Thursdays at the Knox Building (93976 Ocean Way) starting April 13th until June 8 at 9am-12pm. The Port Orford Training will be on Tuesdays at the North County Annex Building (1403 Oregon) starting April 18 until June 13 at 9am-12pm.

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Letter to the Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on some recent issues concerning Coos-Curry Electric.

I've seen the recent Cost of Service Analysis; this is the third one in three years. The new one still shows our charges are in line. The service has to be paid through either the monthly service charge or higher kw usage. It is more fair to full time residents to have the monthly service charge higher. With higher kw usage fees we would be subsidizing the part-year users. I don't like the higher fees either, but I do like having the power delivered to my home.

While I was Councilor and Mayor, we had to do cost analyses on sewer and water. The results were that we had to increase the charges substantially because we were going in the hole. Each group needs to pay it's own way if possible. The phone company was the same way ... long distance rates were subsidizing local service rates, so came deregulation.

I've also seen huge changes in technology, some hard to accept. As a Verizon employee, I've helped change over Bandon, Port Orford and Gold Beach old 'stepper' central office switches to digital technology. I don't think anyone wants to go back to the old rotary dial and switches. Thanks to the computerized printed circuit chips we are able to have that same type of technology to not only

read our meters but to be able to analyze our power lines for any faults which could interrupt our service. Won't that be nice? Meter readers don't have time to check for faults other than a quick visual but the AMR (automatic meter reader) instantaneously checks and reads our system. The meter readers can now be trained as higher paying linemen who are in short supply. In the future, AMR will do even more services for us. We will recoup the initial investment in a few years.

See more about both these issues at www.ccec.coop .

I'm happy to address any questions our members might have.

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Letter to the Editor,

A lot of material is surfacing about objectionable new policies at our Coos-Curry Electric Coop (CCEC), under the leadership of General Manger, Mr. Buehler, who was terminated from his position as General Manager of the Salmon River Coop, prior to becoming General Manger for us.

My concern is this. Did our CCEC nominating committee know of Mr. Buehler's termination at the Salmon River Coop prior to nomination him for our General Manager and intentionally not notify the general membership?

On the other hand, if Mr. Buehler did not inform the nomination committee of his termination, does this constitute deception and is this grounds for his immediate termination as our CCEC General Manager, rendering his substantial severance package in his contract agreement with us, invalid? He still enjoys a substantial severance package from his contract agreement with the Salmon River Coop.

Are we being sandbagged and hoodwinked? What investigatory method did the nomination committee use for their background check and what was their hiring criteria? Where does the culpability lie, with the nomination committee or Mr. Buehler? Certainly the general membership would have taken a dim view of Mr. Buehler's termination at Salmon River had it been presented.

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Letter to the Editor,

Saying they welcome our questions and suggestions, Manager Werner Buehler and the present Coos-Curry Electric Directors invite us to participate in the heady pleasures of "Integral Resources Planning" of the "Big Picture Issues." But their invitation arrives in what may charitably be called CCEC-ese, a language that turns off all the lights with mind-numbing jargon, as Directors Doran, Thomas, and Hanscam inadvertently illustrated in their letter of April 5, 2006:

About 20 percent of members are part-timers, weekenders or snowbirds. If you lower the base rate and up the kilowatt rate to maintain equally the total necessary revenue to remain in the black, the majority, but not all, full time residents would actually pay more.

Still, what about a black snowbird who is only a part-time, weekender how can we possibly be fair to her? But despair not, help is on the way. Home grown help.

From the front page of the Port Orford News of April 5, John Herzog looks straight at us to ask for the votes to make him the Coop Director of District 1.

Savor his clean, direct language as he hopes to add to the "rapport and openness" he has built up while delivering his parcels over the past 24 years. To the common sense goal of "the best possible service at the lowest possible price," he adds his pledge "to be as open as I can with you the owner-members."

Could there be a sharper contrast with those who have taken over what we used to call our Coop. Run John, Run!

Richard Drinnon

Douglas Fir Seedlings

The Bureau of Land Management's Coos Bay District Office will be selling Douglas-fir seedlings to the public on Mondays and Wednesdays through the remainder of April. The BLM has completed their tree planting for the year and the surplus seedlings will be sold by the bag. Each bag contains 100 Douglas-fir seedlings and will cost \$5.00. Anyone interested in buying seedlings should contact Mike Cook, Coos Bay District Seedling Coordinator, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm on Mondays or Wednesdays at (541) 751-4410.

Letter to the Editor,

On the full moon, this Thursday, April 13, those who care about the future of our community will meet at the Visitor's Center at 5:00pm to enjoy an evening promenade around the southern end of Port Orford as we attempt to envision a future setting so enticing that no tourist can pass without stopping.

I see a space where we locals enjoy taking guests and spending time with friends. A space that provides art, good dining, shopping, education, music and entertainment. But most importantly – a space that is earth-friendly and works with the natural terrain, utilizing solar and wind power to the extent possible. An area so beautifully designed that it flows into the incomparable view that provides the southern portal to our sweet city.

After our stroll, at 7:00pm, citizens will convene at City Hall for the last of three meetings being conducted with a grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development to fulfill the purpose of having a "citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process."

Our children will inherit not only our homes but our community as well.

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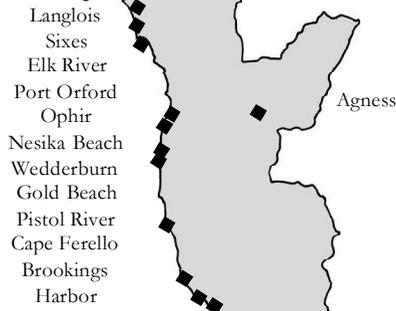
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The Sixes River and its south fork have a rich history of gold mining from the 1870's to the present, as well as a touch of mystery from the earlier days.

The miners of 1878 were frightened by reports of a Sasquatch or Bigfoot that roamed the area. One miner was killed

and the evidence pointed to a Sasquatch. One old miner claimed to have seen one of the hairy creatures who left tracks 16 inches long and 8 inches wide. Most of the miners decided to try their luck elsewhere so the South Fork was all but abandoned until into the 1900's.

The hike will range from four to six miles round trip depending on how much of the area hikers want to explore. The steep places are going down to the river and back out at the end of the hike. Otherwise the trail follows the river between the old settlements. One stop will be at the Huckleberry Knoll where at least four of the miners are buried.

Hikers should wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water and a sack lunch. For further information phone Walt Schroeder at 247-7660.

Want to Write Kids Books?

"The Writes of Passage: From Idea to Published Works!" is a conference to be presented by The Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators, Oregon Chapter on Saturday, May 13 from 7:30 - 4:30pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Wilsonville. See www.scbwior.com for more details.

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Letter to the Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Don Heinzen from Bandon and Montana, concerning Coos-Curry Electric. The general manager met three times with Heinzen on his questions and perhaps I can add more information.

When I joined the Board in 2003, Coos-Curry was losing over \$5 million from 2001 to 2004 by keeping electric rates below costs. Rates had to be raised to return the cooperative to a profit or our bankers would raise our interest costs. In mid-2004, the board hired a consultant to do a cost of service and rate study (first in 10 years) which allocated costs fairly among rate classes. This study recommended a residential base rate of \$39, and the board elected to raise the rate to \$33.

In 2005, another rate study calculated what the base rate would be if all residential costs, except wholesale power costs, were spread equally to each residential meter. This rate was \$56 plus only the actual cost of wholesale power, which last year was \$0.036 per kilowatt. Yes, we do pay that little as Heinzen questions, since for now, we are nearly 100% hydropower. The \$33 base rate design recovers costs and margins from the base rate and kilowatt charge.

After continuing Port Orford/Bandon member concerns about the \$33 rate, in December 2005 the board sought an



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update by another consultant. This study recommended a \$34 residential base rate for 2006. That study was just presented to the Board on March 24 and is available at www.ccec.coop for all members to review.

Keeping total residential revenue equal, the monthly bill for a member using 1500 kilowatts at a \$15 base rate would be about \$128, the \$33 rate about \$120 and the \$56 rate about \$110. At my ranch, we have two meters that use only 10 kilowatts per month. If we use Heinzen's base rate, I'll save \$38 a month or \$456 annually and someone else (perhaps you) would pay for my savings. This shows how most full-time residents have subsidized part-timers and low utilizers.

The Coos-Curry monthly load curve and BPA contracts yield higher profit months at the beginning of the year because of

higher member use and lower power costs due to high water over the dams. The year end months usually produce losses because of lower member use and higher power costs due to low water. This is projected to average out to about a \$1 million margin for 2006. From 1990 to 1999, the average margin was about \$2.4 million per year. Margins are used to pay capital credits, reduce debt, expand plant and provide for contingencies like excessive storm damage.

These issues are complicated and that is why I spend 4-6 days a month working as your board member. In the last three years, we turned around a cooperative that was losing millions to one that made \$850,000 in 2005. Raising rates was only part of the turnaround. Cuts were made in some expenses in all departments. Costs are now charged to those customers using the services. One set of rate payers is not unfairly subsidizing another.

Should any member have further questions or comments, please give me a call. I'm the only D. Thomas in Gold Beach.

Dale Thomas
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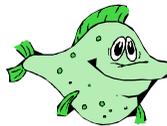
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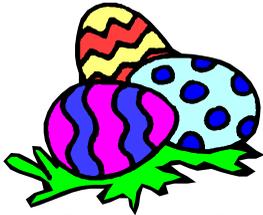
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Letter to the Editor,

We want to thank everyone who attended Lowell Kreutzer's retirement party held at the Lion's Club in Langlois on April 1. It was well attended and we want to thank those of you that brought such delicious potluck food. A special thanks to Charlie and Lola Hughes and Dave and Lyla Allen for their assistance in setting up the tables and for those that helped with cleanup. To Bill McDonald, Velma Foster, and Joan Hildebrand with the Lion's club, to Mike Knapp for doing the barbecue, to "Coot" and Bonnie for the delicious salmon they donated, and to Rhett Kreutzer for the barbecue meat and oysters plus doing such a great job of being the "Master of Ceremony" after the dinner for his dad. Also a special thank you to Anita Hart for making up the posters for us concerning the retirement party and also to Eileen Mulligan of Marsh Haven Farms for beautiful floral arrangements.

There were some that attended that had traveled some distance in order to join in the retirement celebration for Lowell also. Someone that had brought potato salad using two Pyrex type bowls left them

there at the Lion's Club. If they would like to pick them up, please contact someone with the Lion's Club or call Carrie at 348-2554.

Thanks again to all of you for making Lowell's retirement party a day to remember the rest of his life!

Lowell, Carrie, & Family

Hilarious Fun

North Curry Families' and Children's Center ArtWorks production of the Neil Simon play-*The Odd Couple* (female version) will be presented on Friday and Saturday April 21 and 22 at 7:30pm and

on Sunday April 23 at 2pm. Tickets will be available at the door 20 minutes prior to performance. The cost is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

You may remember the original Odd Couple with Felix and Oscar but you probably haven't enjoyed Simon's version of the women Florence and Olive as the odd couple. Slobby Olive and fastidious Florence have quite the time rooming together in the fast paced comedy. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the charming Constanzuela brothers.

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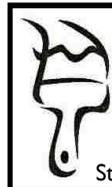
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